

REMARKS

Claims 5, 7, 8 and 15-20 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 7, 8 and 15-20 are allowed, and claim 5 contains allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 5 is rewritten in independent form to place claim 5 in condition for allowance. All rejected claims, claims 1, 2, 11 and 12, are canceled.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return an initialed copy of, the Form-PTO 1449 filed with the August 11, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 5, 7, 8 and 15-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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